

Alaska Army National Guard Rescues Two People North of Nome

CAMP DENALI, Alaska – The Alaska Army National Guard were called out to help search and rescue efforts near Nome this morning by Alaska State Troopers. An Army Guard Black Hawk took off from Nome at 11:30 a.m. to assist in search and rescue efforts near the village of White Mountain, where a person was reported missing while on a snow machine trip.

After 30 minutes of flying, a ground team spotted the missing person and took that person into their care. Immediately following this discovery, the Alaska State Troopers asked the Army Guard Black Hawk to assist in another mission, where four people on snow machines were reported missing.

The Black Hawk crew flew to the Pilgrim Springs area about 50 miles north of Nome where they located the missing people. The helicopter landed near the stranded people and determined two of the snow machines were broke down and two people were hypothermic.

The Black Hawk crew loaded the two hypothermic people onboard the helicopter and took them to Nome for treatment. They were delivered to the Alaska State Troopers in Nome at 12:30 p.m. today.

The Alaska Army National Guard was awarded two saves for today's mission.

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